### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

## **Application Ranking Summary**

# **Lower South Platte - Water Quality/Quantity**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lower South Platte - Water Quality/Quantity		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

### **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	

### **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions		
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?		
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?		
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?		
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?		
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?		
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?		
7. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?		
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T", or, will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?		
9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for?		
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or, b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance; or, c.The applicant has never had an EQIP contract?		
11. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archeologist?	Yes O or No O	

### **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project improve irrigation efficiency on the contracted acres more than 41%?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the project improve irrigation efficiency on the contracted acres between 17 and 40 percent?	Yes O or No O

3. Will the project improve irrigation efficiency on the contracted acres between 5 and 16 percent?	
4. Will the project eliminate a significant amount of ditch seepage by lining the ditch with pipe?	
5. Will the project eliminate a significant amount of ditch seepage by lining the ditch with concrete?	
6. Will the project eliminate a significant amount of ditch seepage by lining the ditch with fabric?	
7. Will the project treat active gully erosion caused by irrigation water?	
8. Does the project include application of a permanent in-stream diversion structure designed to reduce maintenance that required frequent heavy equipment disturbance of the stream channel?	
9. Will the project improve control of diverted water with the installation of a positive shut off gate at the water source (stream or river diversion location)?	
10. Will the project improve the management of irrigation water with the installation of a water measuring device?	
11. Will the project reduce deep percolation or erosion caused by tail-water?	Yes O or No O
12. Will the participant(s) implement a Pest Management Plan to address invasive and/or noxious plants on the contracted acres?	
13. Does the proposal address energy conservation with the application of a Conservation Power Plant (practice code 716)?	

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: